(a) when was the latest survey conducted by Government after 1981 to ascertain the total number of disabled persons in the country ;

(b) whether Government have any proposal o carry out a fresh survey to ascertain the total number of disabled persons in the country at present ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The latest sample survey was conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation from July—December, 1991.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Doesn't arise.

(d) In view of the report of National Sample Survey Organisation there is no need to carry out a fresh survey.

New Scheme for the Welfare of Street Children

1814. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has launched a new scheme for the Welfare of Street Children in the country ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons and details of unimplementation of the scheme till date ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Initially, the scheme was to be implemented in 11 cities, viz Delhi, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Pune, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Kanpur. It was proposed to set up 41 centres in the above 11 cities. Out of these, 35 centres have already been set up benefitting 10,500 street children. Grant-in-Aid proposal for additional two NGOs has been sanctioned. The Government have also decided to extend the scheme to all the state capitals.

The main objective of the scheme is to provide Integrated Community based non-institutional basic services for the care, protection and development of street children facing destitution, neglect, abuse and exploitation. The scheme is operated through NGOs.

Provision of Old Age Pension for Aged

1815. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the State Governments/Union Territories administrations are providing Old age pension to the destitute aged population in the country and also maintaining old age homes for them ;

(b) if so, the details thereof with State/Union Territory-wise figures ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) A statement indicating old age pension being provided by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations is attached (*See* below) (statement No. I). As per the Central Scheme for assistance to voluntary organisations for programmes relating to Aged, the voluntary organisations are given 90% grant-in-aid for running Old Age Homes. (Statement-II indicates the number of Old Age Homes set up under the scheme State-wise/U.T. wise)

Statement—I

Statement Showing State-wise Rates of Old Age Pensions being Provided to the Aged

S. No.	State /U.T.	Rate of Pension Per month (In Rs.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	100/-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	60/-
3.	Assam	60/-
4.	Bihar	60/-

Statement—Contd.

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Rate of Pension per month (In Rs.)
5.	Gujarat	120/-
6.	Goa	100/-
7.	Himachal Pradesh	60/-
8.	Haryana	100/-
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	60/-
10.	Karnataka	75/-
11.	Kerala	65/-
12.	Madhya Pradesh	100/-
13.	Maharashtra	100/-
14.	Mizoram	100/-
15.	Manipur	60/-
16.	Meghalaya	60/-
17.	Nagaland	100/-
18.	Orissa	100/-
19.	Punjab	
20.	Rajasthan	100/-
21.	Sikkim	60/-
22.	Tamil Nadu	50/-
23.	Tripura	75/-
24.	Uttar Pradesh	100/-
25.	West Bengal	60/-
Union Territories		
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	60/-
27.	Chandigarh	100/-
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	60/-
29.	Delhi	100/-
30.	Daman & Diu	60/-
31.	Lakshadweep	100/-
32.	Pondicherry	60/-

Statement-II

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Question No. 1815 for 4-3-94

S. No.	Name of State/U.T.	No. of Old age Homes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	2
4.	Haryana	—
5.	Himachal Pradesh	—
6.	Karnataka	2
7.	Madhya Pradesh	2
8.	Maharashtra	2
9.	Manipur	6
10.	Orissa	13
11.	Rajasthan	—
12.	Punjab	—
13.	Tamil Nadu	16
14.	Uttar Pradesh	12
15.	Tripura	2
16.	West Bengal	15
17.	Delhi	1
	Total	100

Amendment in the Constitution for Reservation on of JCOS

1815. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Constitution for the reservation of jobs over and above 50 percent;

(b) if so, by when the Constitution amendment would be introduced in Parliament; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative whether Government would resort to some suitable means to solve this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) This is one of the issues which is under examination of the Government in the context of the judgement of the Supreme Court in Indira Sawhney & Ors. *Vs.* Union of India & Ors. (Mandal Case).

(b) and (c) Government is of the view that it is necessary to proceed in this matter on the basis of a national consensus. It is, therefore, difficult to indicate any precise time limit for taking a decision in this regard.

संसद सदस्यों द्वारा कल्याण मंत्रालय को लिखे गए पत्र

1817. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल** : क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल 1990 से 31 मार्च, 1993 की अवधि के दौरान सांसदों द्वारा मंत्रालय को कितने पत्र लिखे गये और उनका वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) उनमें से कितने पत्रों की पावती भेजी गई ;

(ग) कितने पत्रों के अन्तिम उत्तर भेजे गये; और

(घ) मंत्रालय द्वारा क्रमश: सकारात्मक और नकारात्मक उत्तर वाले भेजे गये अन्तिम पत्रों के पृथक-पृथक आंकड़े क्या हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीता राम केसरी): (क)

1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
685	846	859
	कुल : 2390	

(ख) 2390

(ग) 2279

(घ) चूंकि अधिकांश उत्तरों में संदर्भों में उठाए गए मामलों पर संगत समय में प्राप्त यथार्थ सूचनाएं दिखाई गई है अत: यह व्यावहारिक नहीं होगा कि उत्तरों को "धनात्मक" या "ऋणात्मक" रुप में वर्गीकृत किया जाय ।